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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Ofsted – we're a GOOD school!**

Please find attached our Ofsted report from our inspections that took place during the second part of the summer term.

I am sure you will join us all in celebrating our achievement of **Good** across all categories in a brand new Ofsted Inspection Framework. The new inspection framework creates a report that is written in a different style, which has less content than in previous years, so please take this into account when reading it.

We were inspected over a period of 3 days which included this including a conversion from a section 8 (short inspection) to a section 5 (longer graded inspection). We would like to take this opportunity to share that according to the inspectors we were one of the first schools to achieve a conversion within the country due to exceptional evidence that the school had made significant progress.

Bassett Green Primary School is a truly amazing family. We have continued to work together to create the very best learning for each child in our school community and I think this is a huge reflection of the hard work that everyone including our staff, community and of course the children all put in to make Bassett Green such a wonderful school.

Bassett Green Primary School has not received a 'Good' Ofsted rating for a decade. I wanted to lead Bassett Green because I could see all of the amazing things it was already achieving and I could and can see even more potential; I think the report agrees with this!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, pupils, governors and families who work tirelessly to keep what is great about Bassett Green and to implement the changes that we have made, in such a short space of time. Bassett Green is indeed a good school. I feel that we all have shared a sustained determination to build on our successes and to provide the very best quality of education, and again I thank you all for this shared vision.

I would also like to thank you as parents specifically, who have supported school in all we have been aiming to achieve. The inspectors noted; '*Staff and parents are positive about the school*'. I am passionate about parent school partnerships and the feedback from the positive online questionnaire reports have certainly shown that we have a strong parent support.

We feel we provide exemplary care, guidance and support for children that has contributed significantly to our improvements. We absolutely agree with the inspectors when they say '*Pupils live and breath the Bassett Green motto of 'be brave, be brilliant, be our best'.. they beam with pride when talking about their school*'. The report states that this is a school where



*'pupils behave well and are polite and respectful towards each other'*. Teaching and learning was praised. *'Leaders have rewritten the curriculum to reflect their high ambitions for all pupils. Teachers build pupils' knowledge gradually, making links with what they already know'*. It specifically praises the teaching of reading, of phonics, of how well we support pupils who may find things tricky and how well we prepare pupils for their later education (including secondary school).

We are a values driven school, a place of nurture where we know our children extremely well. The report states that we *'develop a strong understanding of important concepts such as friendships'*. We try to deliver the best for each pupil. For example, the report highlighted that *'leaders ensure that pupils who may be struggling are accessed accurately to identify barrier to their learning or development.... That staff are well trained to support pupils with special educational needs and or/ disabilities (SEND) effectively.'* We plan well to support a variety of needs, while making sure that all pupils are enthusiastic about their learning.

The leadership of the school was also praised highly. I really do want to note that leadership is not just me; it is an entire and varied team. I would like to say that words such as passionate, aspirational, inspirational, dedicated and utterly child focused are words I would use to describe the leaders of all subjects in the school. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes, as well as the impact and drive that the governors hold for the school and I hope you can see how this was indeed reflected in the report.

At Bassett Green we are not chasing an Ofsted grade, we are aiming to do the very best for each individual child in our care. We strive to help all children to recognise their talents, build on their strengths, recognise where they may find something tricky and help to them have the skills to move forward. We strive to create caring, thoughtful and passionate children who are proud of themselves and the community they live in.

I truly believe that the Bassett Green Primary School community have a lot to be proud of Governors, staff, parents / carers and most importantly the children all work hard every day to create something very special here in our school.

I thank you for your continued support as it is greatly valued and appreciated.

We look forward to continuing to support your children in going from strength to strength at Bassett Green School.

Best wishes



Mrs Stillwell  
Headteacher

